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SUBJECT:

Response for Congressman Jack Brooks

This note recommends that you forward the attached letter responding to Congressman Jack Brooks' question regarding your views on a GAO report on the impact on National Security of the possible commercialization of LANDSAT. The recommended response says, in more words, that GAO did a good job and that the 0LL report is okay. The response has been coordinated with OGC

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The Director of Central Intelligence

Washington, D. C. 20505

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The Ronorable Jack Brooks
Chairman, Legislation and National
Security Subcommittee
Committee on Government Operations
U.S. House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This letter is in response to your recent request for comments on the General Accounting Office report entitled "National Security Implications of Commercializing Landsat and Weather Satellites." (U)

We find that the report effectively reflects Intelligence Community concerns relative to the potential impact on the national security of private sector operation of the satellites. Our principal concerns are that any such transfer to the private sector should provide for:

- Federal Government control of imaging system operations during tension or crisis periods so as to preclude information of intelligence or military advantage being collected for, and being made available to, actual or potential hostile forces.
- Federal Government priorities for any imagery collection operations that might be needed to support current or future national security requirements.
- Confidentiality, where necessary, concerning US intelligence and military requirements.
- Obtaining imagery in a dependable timely manner at reasonable costs that will not inhibit effective use for US Government activities, for example, for monitoring foreign agricultural production.
- Procedures to control the orderly sharing of technology among military and civilian organizations. (S)

I appreciate the opportunity to express my views on this important matter. (U)

Sincerely,

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Remarks

Please prepare response for DCI's signature. (Report will be forwarded upon receipt.).

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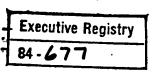
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The Honorable William J. Casey Director 'Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

The Comptroller General has recently issued a report entitled "National Security Implications of Commercializing Landsat and Weather Satellites." This report is the culmination of a lengthy investigation by GAO which was undertaken at the request of the Subcommittee on Legislation and National Security.

The report discusses the potential impact on the national security of commercial operation of the satellites by the private sector. Since this report is classified "SECRET," I have asked Comptroller General Bowsher to make arrangements to transmit a copy of this report to you as soon as possible. I would appreciate it if you would review the report and forward your comments to me within 30 days.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

JA**∦**K BROOKS Chairman



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